

**John Kirkpatrick to George Washington, July 6, 1758,
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FROM JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ESQ.

WINCHESTER 6th. July 1758

DEAR SIR

I received your very welcome favour from Pearsals—and embrace your kind offers of Correspondence, with the highest pleasure—truely sensible of the Honour you do me. —

The disappointment I met with in not seeing you before marchg. gave me much concern—and your necessary hurry, plague and perplexities—attending the preparations for the field—plead an excuse for not writing you—satisfied of your dispositions to think me incapable of declining a Friendship which every Motive of Gratitude bids me esteem in the warmest manner—and this kind instance Confirms me, I share your friednly regard—in condescending to Communicate your intelligence, and make me a Correspondant—'tis a favour I greatly Value—and will omit no means on my part to continue and Establish a lasting intercourse —

You have no doubt, many disagreeable & fatiguing matters to engage with—'tis the case of a Military profession—which your good sense and prudence enables you to support w' wonder—By this time I suppose You at Rays town—from whence a Road we hear is to be open'd to Fort Cumberland—and thro' that Fort the Rout of Your Army is intended—we are also told the General is got to the Camp—tho' Reports are very false —

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Our news here and below—are very trifling—Election of Burgesses take up the whole talk at present—this Country Chuse their Representatives the 24th. inst.—when your presence will avail Vastly to accomplish your point—the promises of the Vulgar are too precarious to build your hopes upon—unless you could attain to influence their performance—they entertain a notion of the inconvenience you lye under of attending the Assembly and defending them at the same time—but, you could speedily reconcile that paradox was it suitable to be here —

The candidates for Fairfax are Colo. Mason—Chas. Broadwater—and Geo: Johnston—the days of Election for Loudoun & Fairfax happen both the 20th. which will weaken Colo. Lee's interest, & it is thought occasion him to be Drop't —

Yesterday 120 North Carolina Men arrived here—they waite orders, for some necessarys to enable them for following you—Winchester has lost its attractions to me, since your departure—All are Dull & dead—Tho' the Court call'd me hither—on Business—yet I am uneasy to begone—When Your Complements shall be duely deliverd your Friends—Continue Your Correspondence & believe me unfeign'dly Dr. Colo. Your Sincere Servt. & Obliged —

JNO. KIRKPATRICK